A Straight Up and Down Religion Wanted-Business Panies Caused by a Lack of Confidence-Brain Workers Need as Much Sympathy as Laborers.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 25 .- After the great congregation had sung the long meter. doxology in the Brooklyn tabernacle this morning Dr. Talmage expounded the sixth chapter of the second epistle to the Corinthians, cetting forth the importance of separation from bad fellowship, and say-ing that a man is no better than the company he keeps. Professor Henry Eyre Brown played an organ solo, Sonata No 1 in D minor, by Guillmant. The subject of the sermon was "A Straight Up and Down Religion," and the text was Amos vii, 8: "And the Legislanto me, Amos, what seest thore

A plumb line." Dr. Talmage said: The solid masonry of the world has to me a fascination. Walk about some of the triumphal arches and the cathedrals. four or six hundred years old, and see builded; walls of great height for centuries, not bending a quarter of an inch this way or that. So greatly honored were the masons who builded these walls that they were free from taxation and called "free" masons. The trowel gets most of the credit for these buildings, and its clear ringing on stone and brick has ounded across the ages. But there is another implement of just as much importance as the trowel, and my text recognizes it. Bricklayers and stone masons and carpenters, in the building of walls, use an instrument made of a cord, at the and of which a lump of lead is fastened. They drop it over the side of the wall, and, as the plummet naturally seeks the center of gravity in the earth, the workman discovers where the wall recedes and where it bulges out and just what is the perpendicular. Our text represents lod as standing on the wall of character. which the Israelites had built, and in that way measuring it. "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? and I said, A plumb line.

What the world wants is a straight up and down religion. Much of the so called piety of the day bends this way and that, to suit the times. It is horizontal with a low state of sentiment and morals. We have all been building a wall of characler, and it is glaringly imperfect and needs reconstruction. How shall it be brought into the perpendicular? Only by livine measurement. "And the Lord said to me, Amos, what seest thou? and I said, A plumb line," The whole tendency of the times is to

make us act by the standard of what others do. If they play cards, we play cards. If they dance, we dance. If they read certain styles of books, we read them. We throw over the wall of our character the tangled plumb line of other lives and reject the infallible test which Amos saw. The question for me should not be what you think is right, but what God thinks is right. This perpetual refprence to the behavior of others, as though it decided anything but human There are 10,000 plumb lines in use, but only one is true and exact, and that is the line of Gon's eternal right. There is a mighty attempt being made to reconstruct and fix up the Ten Command ments. To many they seem too rigid. The tower of Pisa leans over about thirtsen feet from the perpendicular, and peoole go thousands of miles to see its gracel inclination, and by extra braces and cept leaning from century to century. Why not have the ten granite blocks of Sinai set a little aslant? Why not have is not an ellipse as good as a square? Why

the pillar of truth a leaning tower? Why is not an oblique as good as straight up and down? My friends, we must have a standard; shaff it be God's or man's? The divine plumb line needs to be thrown over all merchandise. Thousands of years ago Solomon discovered the tendency of buyers to depreciate goods. He saw a man beating down an article lower and lower, and saying it was not worth the price asked, and when he had pur used at the lowest price he told every body what a sharp bargain he had struck and how he had outwitted the merchant Proverbs xx, 14: "It is naught, it i naught, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth." So utterly askew is society in this matter that you seldom find a seller asking the price that he expects to get. He puts on a higher value than he proposes to receive, knowing that he will have to drop. And "It is naught," saith the buyer. "The fabric is defective; the style of goods is poor; I can get elsewhere a better article at a smaller price. It is out of fashion; it is damaged; it will fade; it will not wear well." After a while the merchant, from over persuasion or desire to dispose of that particular stock of goods, "Well, take it at your own price, and the purchaser goes home with light confidential friends, and chuckles while he tells how that for half price he got the goods. In other words he lies, and was proud of it. Nothing would make times as good and the earning of a livelihood so easy as the universal adoption of the law of right. Suspicion strikes through all bargain making. Men who sell know him feel better. And there was alcohol the goods shipped will be according to the per of clerks who are making false entries and then absconding to Canada, and the explosion of firms that fail for millions of dellars, honest men are at their wit's end to make a living. He who stands up amid all the pressure and does right is accomplishing something towards the establishment of a high commercial pressperity. I have deep sympathy for

the establishment of a high commercial prosperity. I have deep sympathy for the laboring classes who toil with hand and foot. But we must not forget the business men who, without any complaint or lannered processions through the street, are enduring a stress of circumstances terrific. The fortunate people of today are those who are receiving daily wages or regular salaries. from killing the first pigeon. Now John, or George, or Charles, or William, or Alexander, or Andrew, or Henry, or an article, it gives me more dis for me; no cigars or cigarettes for me; departments. The men who toil with the brain need full as much sympathy as these who toil with the hands. All business life is struck through with suspicion, and panies are only the result of want of confidence.

The pressure to do wrong is all the stronger from the fact that is our day the large business houses are swallowing the smaller, the windes dinjugger blus.

up the smaller, the whales dining on blueme the similaret, the whales dining on bluefish and minnows. The large houses undersell the small ones because they can afford it. They can afford to make nothing, or actually lose, on some styles of goods, assured they can make it up on others. So, a great dry goods house goes outside of its regular line and sells books at cost or less than cost, and that swamps the booksellers; or, the dry goods house sells brica-brac at lowest figure, that swamps the small dealer in brica-brac. And the same thing goes on in other styles of merchandise, and the consequence is that all along the business streets of all our cities there are merchants of small capital who are in terrific struggle to keep their heads above water. The Cunarders run down the Newfoundland fishing smacks. This is nothing against the man who has the big store, for every man has as large a store and as great a business as he can manage. To feel right and do right under all this pressure requires marryry grace, requires divine support, requires celestal re-enforcement. Yet there are tens of thousands of such men getting splendifly through. They see others going up and themselves going down, but they keep their patience and their courage and their fortistine consistency, and after a while their turn of success will come. The owners of the big business will dis and their boys will get peasession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouth and full to the oline with the best liquor and belief boys will get peasession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouth and full to the oline with the best liquor and belief boys will get peasession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouth and their boys will get peasession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouth and their boys will get peasession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouth and their boys will get peasession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouth, and the substrates will be an always the substrate will be substrated by the control of the large firm. I have fai fish and minnows. The large houses undersell the small ones because they can

"We have money enough for all our needs and the needs of our children; now, let us dissolve business and make way for other men in the same line." Instead of ther men in the same line." Instead of being startled at a solitary instance of magnanimity, as in the case just mentioned, it will become a common thing. I know of scores of great business houses that have had their opportunity of vast accumulation and who ought to quit. But perhaps for all the days of this generation the struggle of small houses to keep above under the overshadowing pressure of great houses will connected the struggle of small houses to keep above under the overshadowing pressure of great houses will connected the struggle of small houses to keep above under the overshadowing pressure of great houses will connected the struggle of small houses to head for the struggle of small houses houses and struggle in my face, and after a reasonable breakfas tinue; therefore, taking things as they are, you will be wise to preserve your equilibrium and your honesty and your faith, and throw over all the counters and shelves and barrels and hogsheads and cotton bales and rice casks the meas-Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest

met another way, and break a head there,

never saw more splendor concentrated.

oughly under the power of rum. He en-

and daughter fleeing from his presence,

young men, you cannot build a wall so high as to be indepenent of the character

of its foundation? A man before 30

years of age may commit enough sin to last him a lifetime. A cat that has killed one pigeon cannot be cured. Keep it

but in that young man's soul this process went on: "Lord, here I am, a young man amid the temptations of city life, and I am afraid to risk them alone; come and be my pardon and my help; save me uring line of divine right. "And the from making the mistake that some of my comrades are making, and save m now." And quicker than a flash God rolled heaven into his soul. He is just thou? and I said, A plumb line." In the same way we need to measure our theologies. All sorts of religions are as jolly as he used to be, is just as brilliant as he used to be. He can strike a putting forth their pretensions. Some have a spiritualistic religion, and their ball or catch one as easily as before he was converted. With gun or fishing rod chief work is with ghosts, and others a in this summer vacation he was just as religion of political economy proposing to skillful as before. The world is brighter put an end to human misery by a new to him than ever. He appreciates pictstyle of taxation, and there is a hum ures, music, innocent hilarity, social life, good jokes, and has plenty of fun, first tarian religion that looks after the body of men and lets the soul look after itself, class fun, glorious fun. But his brother is going down hill. In the morning his and there is a legislative religion that proposes to rectify all wrongs by enacthead aches from the champagne debauch. ment of better laws, and there is an asthetic religion that by rules of exquisite taste would lift the heart out of its de-Everybody sees he is in rapid descent. formities, and religions of all sorts, religions by the peck, religions by the square foot, and religions by the ton-all of

on either side of him suspected nothing.

What cares he for right or decency or the honor of his family name? Turned out of employment, depleted in health, cast down in spirits, the typhoid fever them devices of the devil that would take strikes him in the smallest room on the the heart away from the only religion fourth story of a fifth rate boarding that will ever effect anything for the huhouse, cursing God and calling for his man race, and that is the straight up and his dying pillow, which is besweated and of the loveliest shade of yellow.-New down religion written in the book, which torn to rags. He plunges out of this York Sun. begins with Genesis and ends with Revlation, the religion of the skies, the old world with the shriek of a destroyed spirit. Alas for that kind of fun! It is religion, the God given religion, the everlasting religion, which says: "Love God remorse. It is despair. It is blackness of darkness. It is woe unending and long above all and your neighbor as yourself. reverberating and crushing as though all All religions but this one begin at the wrong end and in the wrong place. The the mountains of all continents rolled on Bible religion demands that we first get him in one avalanche. My soul, stand right with God. It begins at the top and back from such fun. Young man, there easures down, while the other religions is no fun in shipwrecking your character, gin at the bottom and try to measur no fun in disgracing your father's name. They stand at the foot of the wall, There is no fun in breaking your mothup to their knees in the mud of human er's heart. There is no fun in the physical pangs of the dissolute. There is no theory and speculation, and have a plumfun in the profligate's deathbed. There met and a string tied fast to it. And they throw the plummet this way, and is no fun in an undone eternity. Parabreak a head there, and thow the plumelsus, out of the ashes of a burnt rose,

failed in the alchemic undertaking, and and then they throw it up, and it comes down upon their own pate. Fools! Why roseate life once burned down in sin can will you stand at the foot of the wall never again be made to blossom. measuring up when you ought to stand & Oh, this plumb line of the everlasting at the top measuring down? A few days ago I was in the country, thirsty right! God will throw it over all our lives to show us our moral deflections after a long walk. And I came in, and God will throw it over all churches to my child was blowing soap bubbles, and show whether they are doing useful they rolled out of the cup, blue and gold and green and sparkling and beautiful and orbicular, and in so small a space I plumb line over all nations to demonstrate whether their laws are just or But she blew once too often, and all the cruel, their rulers good or bad, their amdory vanished into suds. Then I turned bitions holy or infamous. He threw that and took a glass of plain water, and was plumb line over the Spanish monarchy of other days, and what became of heri ncerned, I put against all the glowing, Ask the splintered hulks of her overlittering soap bubbles of worldly reform thrown armada. He threw that plumb and human speculation, one draught line over French imperialism, and what from the fountain from under the throne was the result? Ask the ruins of the of God, clear as crystal. Glory be to Tuileries, and the fallen column of the God for the religion that drops from Place Vendome, and the grave trenches above, not coming up from beneath! of Sedan, and the blood of revolutions at "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? and I said, A plumb Elysees. He threw that plumb line over books, opens no letters, and husbands his ancient Rome, and what became of the realm of the Cæsars? Ask her war ken, flung helpless into the Tiber. He change of religion, and the you hear of and Sardanapalus, and Shalmaneser, of some swindle he has practiced in Colo- twenty-seven victorious expeditions, the

said he could recreate the rose, but he

rado mining stock, telling some one if he will put in \$10,000 he can take out \$100,000, or he has sacrificed his chastity, ence. What became of all the grandeur? or plunged into irremediable worldliness. Ask the fallen palaces of Khorsabad and His sins are so broad he has to broaden the corpses of her 185,000 soldiery slain his religion and he becomes as broad as by the angel of the Lord in one night, temptation, as broad as the soul's dark- and the Assyrian sculptures of the world's ness, as broad as hell. They want a re- museums, all that now remains of that ligion that will allow them to keep their sins, and then at death say to them; and crouched. God is now throwing "Well done, good and faithful servant." that plumb line over this American reand that tells them: "All is well, for public, and it is a solemn time with this there is no hell." What a glorious nation, and whether we keep his Sabbaths or dishonor them, whether rightheaven they hold before us! Come, let us go in and see it. There is Herod and eousness or iniquity dominate, whether all the babes he massacred. There is we are Christian or infidel, whether we Charles Guiteau and Jim Fisk and fulfill our mission or refuse it, whether Robespierre, the friend of the French we are for God or against him, we'll deguillotine, and all the liars, thieves, cide whether we shall as a nation go on house burners, garroters, pickpockets and libertines of all the centuries. They have in the same grave where Babylon and all got crowns and thrones and harps and Nineveh, and Thebes, and Assyria are

scepters, and when they chant they sing:
"Thanksgiving and honor and glory and "But," say you, "if there be nothing but a plumb line, what can any of us do? power to the broad religion that let us all into heaven without repentance and faith in those disgraceful dogmas of ecclesiasti-For there is an old proverb which truth-fully declares: 'If the best man's faults were written on his forehead it would make him pull his hat over his eyes." My text gives me a grand opportunity What shall we do, when, according to of saying a useful word to all young men Isaiah, 'God shall lay judgment to the line and righteousness to the plummet?' " who are now forming habits for a lifetime. Of what use to a stonemason or Ah, here is where the Gospel comes in a bricklayer is a plumb line? Why not build the wall by the unaided eye and with a Saviour's righteousness to make up for our deficits. And while I see hanging hand? Because they are insufficient, be-cause if there be a deflection in the wall on the wall a plumb line, I see also hang-ing there a cross. And while the one it cannot further on be corrected. Becondemns us the other saves us, if only cause by the law of gravitation a wall must be straight in order to be symmetrical and safe. A young man is in dan-ger of getting a defect in his wall of you may be set free with a more glorious liberty than Hampden or Sidney or a Kosciusko ever fought for. Not out yonder, or down there, or up here, but One of the best friends I ever had died of just where you are you may get it. The delirium tremens at sixty years of age, though he had not since twenty-one years of age—before which he had been dissipated—touched intoxicating liquor until that particular carousal that took him off. Not feeling well in a street on a hot invalid proprietress of a wealthy estate in Scotland visited the continent of Europe to get rid of her maladies; and she went to Baden Baden and tried those waters, and went to Carlsbad and tried those waters, summer day, he stepped into a drug store, just as you or I would have done, and and went to Homburg and tried those waters, and instead of getting better she got worse, and in despair she said to a physician: "What shall I do?" His reply in the dose, and that one drop aroused the old appetite, and he entered the first liquor store, and stayed there until thorwas: "Medicine can do nothing for you. You have one chance in the waters of Pit Keathly, Scotland." "Is it possible?" she replied. "Why, those waters are on my own estate!" She returned and drank tered his home a raving maniac, his wife of the fountain, and in a few months completely recovered. Oh, sick, and liseased, and sinning, and dying hearer, why go trudging all the world over, and seeking here and there relief for your discouraged spirit, when close by, and at gour very feet, and at the door of your eart, aye, within the very estate of your own consciousness, the healing waters of eternal life may be had, and had this very hour, this very minute, this very Sabbath? Blessed be God that over against

the plumb line that Amos saw is the cross, through the emancipating power of which you and I may live and live forever! A down town merchant who had read a short time ago, called the attention of a reporter to the fact that in England ompressed air is considered much better under some circumstances for operating the elevator than water. In Liverpool, London, and other ports, he said, the elevators in the big warehouses were oper-ated almost exclusively by compressed air, which when exhausted into various rooms of the buildings serves to ventilate and purify them. Another advantage claimed for compressed air is its great elasticity. The elevators run more smoothly and stop and start less abruptly, and are less liable to breakage when a quick stop is made than when water is used.—New York Sun.

me a plumb line!"

Lord Nelson's general direction when For the Colored People. One of the most select hotels in Saratoga is one which is open to colored people only. Its proprietor is said to be worth \$200,000. Among his guests this year have been so ral young colored women of wealth and position. Two of them wore diamonds of great value. One of these dusky beauties was considered the belle of Saratoga by her race, and her somewhat haughty manner showed that the realized what is due to a queen of beauty.—Chicago Times.

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and in order to make them more impressive they try to have as many ministers as possible present. It is also said that husbands are in the habit of postponing the funeral services of their first wives until their second wives can attend. And a missionary tells of one man who was living with his third wife without ever having had any funeral services over his two former wives. He gave as a reason that his third wife might die at any time, and then he could have a grand triple funeral service for all three together.—

New York Tribune.

-Cincinnati Enquirer.

about 25,000 trees will be required .-Boston Transcript.

vealed when opened a most gorgeous It was not a very long time ago that the which to sit. spectacle, the colors ranging from the Rev. C. H. Seaver, of Jefferson, Ilis., brightest scarlet—a scarlet beside which that of the cardinal or red bird seems congregation. The same faces were alquite dull—down to the palest of pinks ways seen before him in the pews, but mother and fighting back demons from and blues. Some of the specimens were the attendants were the brothers and sis-MENTIONED IN THE PAPERS.

> What Is Said of People Whom the Pre Sees Fit to Notice. flock of ninety-and-nine and look for the Miss Mary G. Burdette, sister of the lamb that was lost. humorist "Bob" Burdette, is winning marked success as a religious lecturer. Princess Beatrice has given herself to the now fashionable study of photography, and is turning out creditable Katkoff was of plebeian origin and had some other equally interesting subject, a hard fight to win his position in the with large pictures thrown upon a sheet face of the proud aristocracy of Russia.

his fellow students at the university. Bret Harte, of London, has grown make it. gray, but looks younger than he did when here ten years ago. His color is quite English. It is the fresh color of a nan who lives a careful, regular life. He does not look unlike Lord Wolseley,

out but little, being engaged on a new book for which he is husbanding all his Alphonse Daudet is no longer in good health. From a strong, athletic man, a lover of out door recreation and sport, he has gradually become morose, anxious, despondent, a slave to strained nerves. despondent, a slave to strained nerves He used to get up at 4 in the morning

Mr. Harte is living very quietly and goes

Absolutely Pure.

failing strength with the most tender Felix Regamy, a Parisian artist, well ken, flung helpless into the Tiber. He known in Boston, has made the interest-threw it over the Assyrian empire of a ing discovery that a French plaster molder named Hubard has in his possession a full sized bronze copy of the marble statue of Washington by Houdon, which gests in The Paris Figaro that the United States government purchase the bronze statue and present it to the gallery of the

Gen. Longstreet is living quietly a Gainesville, Ga., writing a book on the war. As he finishes a chapter he sends the manuscript to Washington to have all dates and figures verified from the official records. The general says: "I expect both sides to pitch into me, and I am taking time to be certain of all my statenents." Gen. Longstreet's publishers do not care to have him say very much concerning the book, but it is understood that the volume will create much discussion and will be especially interesting to those who understand the technical de tails of the science of war.

age, will try to break the 2:37 record for four-in-hands on Fleetwood track this fall, says he hasn't missed a meal in thirty-three years, and attributes his healthy appetite to continuous driving. "I am never tired of driving," he says, and driving is the best and most gentle exercise after eating. Horseback riding is altogether too violent. I have driven 300,000 miles on this Manhattan Island alone. When I was 4 weeks old my mother rode on horseback with me in her lap, and when I was 4 years old I galloped alone on horseback from St. Albans to my home in Bakersfield, fifteen miles away. But stick to driving if you want an appetite and good digestion.

Mile. Drounin, who was arrested England as a dangerous person, is a school teacher, who inherits from her father a talent for modeling, and who was innocently preparing to ramble through England with the modeling clay which was mistaken for dynamite. Only a short time ago the luggage of a New England lady was seized at Liverpool, and the owner put through a course of sharp questions, because something that mite was found in one of her trunks. Only when she broke a piece off the lump and ate it with evident relish could the officials be persuaded that it was a brick of maple sugar that she was taking to her friends in England.

Soup for the Willion

Ere long, if everything goes well with the projectors, Cincinnatians will be wit nessing the odd spectacle of wagons scud ling about the streets delivering hot soup, just as milk wagons go about the streets delivering the lacteal fluid. The philanthropist who proposes to place the hot soup boon within the reach of the most ordinary Cincinnatian is Mr. Ben Culbert, the well known steward of the river steamer Paris Brown. Ben is at present actively engaged in the organization of a stock company for the manufacture and distribution of soup. His idea is to inangurate the enterprise in a small way and let it grow up as the population and appetite for soup of the city increases. An establishment will be instituted where from 5,000 to 10,000 gallons of soup will be delivered in wagons to all parts of the city. The prospective customers are the saloons that serve warm lunches with drinks and the tenants of flats who do not cook at their rooms and take their meals on the outside. The soup will be hauled about the city in cans and will be ladled out just as milk is by the milkmen. Under each can there will be a glowing gasoline stove, so that the soup can b served hot and ready for use.

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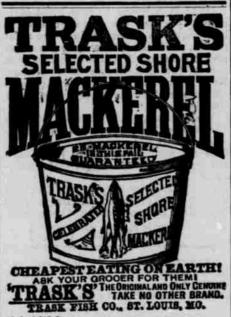
purers will play no favorite. They will manufacture all kinds—about ten different varieties a day. Each wagon will be in silks every year. supplied with all kinds cooked, so if the ners do not see what they want let them ask for it. This soup idea is already in full fruition in New York and Boston. In New York there are already half a dozen companies engaged in the soup business, and their customers are legion. Of the western cities Cincinnati promises to be the first to try the soup scheme on.

The municipality of St. Petersburg has missions in Mexico is to be held Jan. 3 decided to plant two rows of trees in all to Feb. 3, 1888, in the City of Mexico. the streets which are more than twentythree meters broad. There are sixty-five such streets in the city. The Dutch linden tree will be selected for this purpose, as being best adapted to the climate of There is at present a force of 177 per-St. Petersburg, and one of the most rapidly growing trees. It is estimated that the cost will be twenty-five rubles per tree, or 625,000 rubles in all, as

Throughout the country in the various schools and colleges photography is used in teaching geology, botany, etc., and is found to be a great aid to the instructor. to take advantage of all legitimate means to fill their churches, have not been slow to see that there was "something in it." was preaching to a comparatively small ters who, everybody knew, were follow-ers of the Lord, and for whom the blanlishments of the world had no delight. The young and wayward did not come within the sound of his voice, and Mr. Seaver felt that he ought to leave his

Through some fortunate circumstance he was induced to get a camera, and then followed hours of study and experiment. Before long he purchased a magic lantern, and one Sunday evening the good people were astonished to hear a sermon on Jonah and the whale, or illustrating the address. During the fol-His father was a panamar or sacristan of lowing week the illustrated sermon by the Moscow cathedral, and the future Mr. Seaver became generally known, and "power behind the throne" was con- the next Sunday evening, when the sexemptuously called "Panamarvitch" by ton took up the collection, he saw many new faces and the hat grew much heavier than the good brothers were wont to

So the weeks went by and the congregation continued to increase. Then a scarcity of hymn books was complained of, and Mr. Seaver's next move was to use his lantern and cast the hymn upen adjutant general of the British army. a sheet where all could see. The singing improved and few books are now used while the interest in Mr. Seaver's sermons loes not wane and the church is crowded.



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A general conference of all evangelica missions in Mexico is to be held Jan. 31 A railroad eighty-six miles long, which There is at present a force of 177 per-

sons employed at the San Francisco mint, including thirty-four women. The monthly pay roll amounts to \$15,000. The Gospel according to St. Mark, in raised Chinese characters, has been pub-lished for the use of the blind in China. This is the 250th language in which por-tions of the Bible have been printed for

blind scripture readers.

Nevada City, Cal., is the queen of the ierras. It stands 2,500 feet above the The ministry, many of whom are quick level of the sea, and is not troubled with now in winter nor heat in summer. In it are 6,000 happy and healthy people, all of whom have a vine and fig tree under A big panorama, now being painted in Paris, will represent in a series of views of historical places the entire his-

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nexperienced tourists from taking dan

gerous routes, and devise, if possible, other, precautionary measures. Within the last two years and a half he number of national banks in the south has increased 37 per cent., in the western states 22 per cent., while in the astern and middle states it has been less than 3 per cent. During the time mentioned 450 new national banks have been reanized in this country.

Two new fodder plants have been discovered in Finney county, Kansas. One s called the "branching dourra," and is much the same in appearance as the 'rice corn' with which most Kansas farmers are familiar. The other is the 'teosing grass," but looks more like corn than grass. It comes from a small seed no bigger than a turnip seed. It is stated that the stalks or leaves from a single seed of it frauish food enough for two cows or oxen for twenty-four hours.

Though many guests be absent, it is African Proverb.

Nine cables are used to tell the daily tory of Europe to America and America Toothpicks by the Ton.

"Where do all the toothpicks comrom?" inquired a New York Mail and Express reporter of a dealer in those articles the other morning. urned out in the little town of Frankn alone every year." "A Yankee invention, isn't it?"

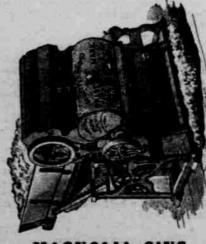
"Not exactly, but it owes its growth o Yankee shrewdness. Charles Foster, of Franklin, is the leading toothpick manufacturer in the world. Before the war he was in South America, where he saw a native whittling out a few toothpicks with his knife. He bought a few of these and sent them to his wife as a curiosity. By some means Paran Stevens, of the Fifth Avenue hotel, got hold of some of them and sent to Mr. Foster for a box. They were forwarded to him. In less than a month he had ordered a gross, and soon many of the leading hotels in the country were using South American whittled toothpicks. Before this there was hardly any demand in the nany months before the South Amerian toothpick began to get a nationa eputation. Mr. Foster emigrated to his country and established a toothpick agency here. The South Americans began to raise on the price of their whittlings, and the picks grew worse and worse. In the first year of

n this country, instead of sending so "That is just what he did about twenty-five years ago. He made his first toothpicks by machinery. The first year he sold sixty-five cases, 250,-000 toothpicks in a case. His last-year's business amounted to thirty thousand cases—quite a respectable increase. When Mr. Foster began the usiness in this country he hired a felow to turn a crank, and the fellow time. Finally he bought an engine of one-horse power and substituted it for Young America. At his factory in Dixfield a few years ago he worked an engine of forty-horse power and substituted. engine of forty-horse power. Mr. Fos-ters' machinery is all patented by himself. He probably has spent \$50,000 on his patent in litigations since he started toothpick making."

"Ah! the lines show, Mr. Blank," emarked the fair palmister at the hurch social the other evening, "that ou are a slave to the fair sex." Mr. Blank, with bitter domestic memories -"Humph, the top of my head began showing that ten years ago."-Elmira Gazette.

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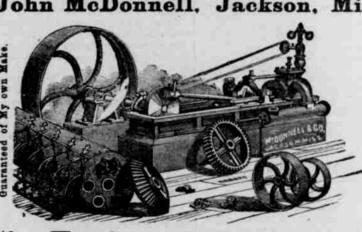
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